

ASYMMETRIC GROUP 8 (VIII) METALLOCENE COMPOUNDS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Asymmetric, disubstituted metallocene compounds have the general formula

5 CpMCp' where M is a metal selected from the group consisting of Ru, Os and Fe; Cp is a first substituted cyclopentadienyl or indenyl moiety that includes at least one substituent group D₁; Cp' is a second substituted cyclopentadienyl or indenyl moiety that includes at least one substituent group D₁'. D₁ is different from D₁'. D₁ is X; C_{a1}H_{b1}X_{c1}; C_{a2}H_{b2}X_{c2}(C=O)C_{a1}H_{b1}X_{c1}; or C_{a2}H_{b2}X_{c2}OC_{a1}H_{b1}X_{c1}, where X is a halogen

10 atom or nitro group; a₁ is an integer between 2 and 8; b₁ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₁)+1-c₁; c₁ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₁)+1-b₁; b₁+c₁ is at least 1; a₂ is an integer between 0 and 8; b₂ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₂)+1-c₂; and c₂ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₂)+1-b₂; and D₁' is X; C_{a1}H_{b1}X_{c1};

C_{a2}H_{b2}X_{c2}(C=O)C_{a1}H_{b1}X_{c1}; or C_{a2}H_{b2}X_{c2}OC_{a1}H_{b1}X_{c1}, where X is a halogen atom or

15 nitro group; a₁ is an integer between 1 and 8; b₁ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₁)+1-c₁; c₁ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₁)+1-b₁; b₁+c₁ is at least 1; a₂ is an integer between 0 and 8; b₂ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₂)+1-c₂; and c₂ is an integer between 0 and 2(a₂)+1-b₂. The compounds can be employed as precursors in film deposition processes.